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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, AF
SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S TRIP: SUGGESTED TOAST

REF: STATE 165179

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO HOST A DINNER RATHER THAN A LUNCHEON AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JULY 13, FOR UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM. FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED TOAST FOR USE AT THAT FUNCTION.

2. BEGIN TEXT. "AFGHANISTAN HAS A WORLDWIDE REPUTATION AS A LAND OF FRIENDLY AND HOSPITABLE PEOPLE. MY FEW HOURS IN YOUR COUNTRY HAVE ALREADY GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE PERSONAL WARMTH WHICH IS SUCH A NOTED PART OF THE AFGHAN CHARACTER. I AM ESPECIALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING AFGHANISTAN'S COUNTRYSIDE DURING MY TRIP OVERLAND TOMORROW TO PESHAWAR. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE KABUL GORGE IS REPUTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR HIGHWAYS IN THE WORLD.

3. "MY DISCUSSIONS THIS AFTERNOON WITH PRIME MINISTER TARAKI AND FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN WERE EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE, AND THEY PROVIDED US NOT ONLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED, BUT ALSO TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN. FOR MY PART, I WILL LEAVE AFGHANISTAN WITH A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR LEADERS' VIEWS AND THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH THEY WISH THEIR

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COUNTRY TO DEVELOP. EVEN THOUGH MANY TASKS REMAIN AHEAD, I WISH PRIME MINISTER TARAKI, FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN, AND ALL OF YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

4. "IN CLOSING, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF PRIME MINISTER

TARAKI, TO MY GRACIOUS HOST, TO THE FUTURE OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE,
AND TO CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES." END TEXT

5. THE MFA HAS INFORMED US THAT NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT IS EXPECTED--
HENCE WE HAVE PREPARED NONE.
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